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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 45-78 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 45-48, 51-55, 63-68 and 70-78 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 49, 50, 56-62 and 69 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Detailed Action

This is the third Office Action for this application but first after RCE filed Aug 5, 2004. The application contains 32 claims, numbered 45-78. Claims 1-44 have been canceled.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on Aug 5, 2004 has been entered.

Specification

The objection to the specification raised in the former Office Action is withdrawn as per amendment filed on Dec 29, 2003.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 45, 46, 51-55, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 70-74, 76, 77 and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Schulze (Pat No 1,386,078).

The patent to Schulze shows an accessory for a container (plate) comprising first and second clamping members, the first clamping member (2) comprising a plurality of extending portions (2, 2) defining first and second clamping surfaces (areas contacting the plate), the second clamping member (1) defining a third clamping surface (area contacting the plate); the third clamping surface disposed between the first and second clamping surfaces (Figs 1 and 3), with each of the extending portions extending away from the vertical axis of the second clamping member. The second clamping member comprising a holder having third (6) and fourth (8) clamping surfaces holding an object. As to the display means recited for example in claim 63, any of the flat surfaces shown by Schulze in Figs 1 and 3, can be considered as a means for displaying information since they are capable of receiving written information, directly (writing on) or indirectly (like a card). As to claim 53, Fig 2 of Schulze shows the first and second clamping members forming a U-shaped defining a space for receiving the container.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 47, 65 and 75 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schulze. The material from which the device is made is considered an obvious

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matter of engineering having no patentable significance. The deformation of the members of the instant invention are inherently to the material from which the device is made.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 56-62, and 69 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. After further review, it is the opinion of the examiner that some of the claims are unpatentable over the teachings of Schulze.

Conclusion

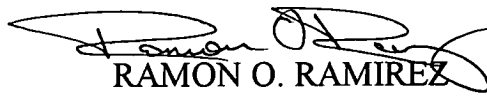
The patent to Schares (2,736,657) is cited to correct a typo in the former art citation (no classification was provided).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAMON O. RAMIREZ whose telephone number is (703) 308-0748. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-FRIDAY, IST FRIDAY OFF.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LESLIE BRAUN can be reached on (703) 308-2156. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A shortened period for response to this Office Action expires THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action.


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